GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Meetings with Exporters
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked the State Governments to hold bi-monthly meetings with exporters, especially to address infrastructure and tax related issues;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the first Centre-State Trade Council meet was marred due to poor participation by State Ministers and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has asked the State Governments to improve upon issues concerning exports; and
(e) if so, the details thereof along with reaction of the State Governments thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, during the various interactions with the State Governments including in the first meeting of Council of Trade Development and Promotion held on 08.01.2016 in New Delhi, the State Governments are requested to considerorganizing bimonthly meetings with the exporters to sort out their infrastructure and tax related issues.
(c): The first meeting of Council of Trade Development and Promotion held on 08.01.2016 in New Delhi was well attended by the representatives from 26 State Governments/Union Territories including eightState Ministers and one special Representative of Minister rank.
(d) & (e): Yes, during the meeting, the Members of the Council were apprised of the export/import trends and exhorted to identify and address impediments to trade and infrastructure gaps which adversely affect India's exports. The States' representatives articulated their perspective on trade policy and put forth their views.
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